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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services

1. This memorandum contains recommendations submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 4.

2. You will recall that we have had four meetings with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, the last one being on 25 February, the other three on 17, 19 and 20 February. I have kept in touch with Robert Smart, the Committee Counsel, in the meantime. The Easter recess came in the interim and Mr. Kilday was requested to do several special tasks by the Chairman, Carl Vinson. While we should be restrained in urging the Subcommittee to hold hearings, it is also true that if the Subcommittee is to serve useful purposes, particularly from our viewpoint, it should meet with some degree of frequency.

3. The briefings to date have furnished it with a general picture and impression of our activities and I am sure some of the examples have left lasting impressions. The current situation and the Agency's activities in this connection seem to me to afford excellent material for briefing the Subcommittee in depth on the work of the Agency, illustrating the responsibilities discussed with it previously. As an adjunct to this briefing, the part played by CAT affords another illustration of the manner in which the Agency must operate in order to have available proper tools and assets to accomplish its mission.

4. This proposal has been discussed with Desmond Fitzgerald, Gates Lloyd, Lawrence Houston and Mr. Kirkpatrick. All agree that it seems highly desirable and would serve the Agency's interests. Therefore, I recommend that you approve a briefing of this type and that the necessary

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arrangements proceed including proposing that the Subcommittee meet for this purpose. You also may wish to consider those persons who should give the briefing. Mr. Kilday has mentioned on at least one occasion that the Director of Central Intelligence need not necessarily conduct all briefings. You may wish to consider requesting Mr. Bissell and appropriate FE personnel to conduct this briefing.

s/ John S. Warner
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The recommendations in paragraph 4 are approved.

4 MAY 1959

Date

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